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Applicant : Akitoshi Kitazawa) Group Art Unit 3661
Serial No. : 10/627,025)
Filed : July 25, 2003)
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
RELEASING BRAKE INTERLOCK)
FUNCTION FOR VEHICLE)
AUDIO/VIDEO DISPLAY UNIT)
Examiner : Unknown)

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The prior art references enclosed herewith are:

(1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0105507 A1 entitled "Vehicle display device for simultaneously displaying one or more video programs on separate displays" and filed by Tranchina et al., and published August 8, 2002.

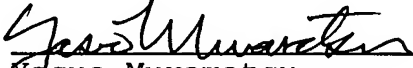
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Applicant respectfully request that the prior art reference submitted herewith be considered in the substantive examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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